GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2527
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Rashtriya Mahila Aayog meinshikayatoan ka ambar" appearing in `Jansatta' dated September 5, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the annual report of the Commission is received regularly;

(d) if so, the number of annual reports received by the Government from this Commission so far;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the increasing irregularities in the Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations contained in the news report are incorrect. The Chairperson, Members and Officersof the Commission undertake tours, as and when considered essential, and with the approval of the competent authority. As far as complaints received by the National Commission for Womenare concerned, the Commission initiated action on 16564 out of 18559 complaints received by it during the past three and half years (upto 31st October, 2000).

(c),(d)&(e) The Annual Reports for the years 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 received from the National Commissionfor Women along with Action Taken Reports have already been laid by the Government in the Lok Sabha on 26.8.1995, 16.5.1997, 14.12.1998 and 23.12.1999 respectively. Action has been initiated to finalise the Action Taken Reports in respect of the Annual Reports of the Commissionfor the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. The Commission is to finalise and submit its Annual Reportsfor the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 to the Government.

(f) The Commission is functioning smoothly and discharging its functions as envisaged in the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.